

## Senate Resolution 677

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Adelman of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mr. Burrell Ellis on his election as Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb  
2 County; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell Ellis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of DeKalb County and the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, before being elected as Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, Mr. Ellis  
7 diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy  
8 toward the betterment of DeKalb County for eight years as a member of the DeKalb County  
9 Board of Commissioners, where he was responsible for key legislation on economic  
10 development and preservation of property values; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the Wharton School at  
12 the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Texas, where he  
13 served as student body president of the law school; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a partner at the law firm EpsteinBeckerGreen, working in the Real  
15 Estate Group, and has taught courses at Georgia State University College of Law in  
16 negotiation and collaborative problem solving; and

17 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
18 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
19 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

20 WHEREAS, dedicated to uplifting the lives of others, Mr. Ellis devotes his time to 100 Black  
21 Men of America, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Democratic Party, and his church, St.  
22 Philip AME; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis is united in love and marriage to his wife, Philippa, and they have  
24 been blessed with two remarkable children, Victoria and Burrell III; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend Mr. Burrell Ellis for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service;  
29 congratulate him upon his election as Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County; and extend  
30 to him their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Burrell Ellis.